(d) AAi has proposed to bring all buildings at the airports under the National Building Code fire protection measures. All Airport In-charges have also been advised to strictly enforce the terms and conditions of the Licence Agreement and also to carry out periodic inspection of the premises as per the Agreement.

Encroachment near Airports

†11. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether many a habitation located illegally on encroached land near several airports in the country are creating a lot of problems for air traffic;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government are going to take with regard to above habitations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Encroachments are causing problems for air traffic at various airports such as Kota, Lucknow, Mumbai, Rajkot, Malda, Hyderabad and Guwahati.

(c) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has approached the concerned State Governments to remove the encroachers. In Malda a case has been filed in the Court for eviction. In Guwahati also eviction proceedings have been initiated. Some hutments have recently been cleared at Juhu Airport at Mumbai. In 2003, amendment of AAI Act of 1994 was carried to provide for setting up of Tribunals to expedite cases relating to encroachment.

Induction of SARAS Aircraft

12. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how long it will take for SARAS (14 seats indigenous) aircraft to take to its wings on regular passenger flight; and

(b) whether the earlier test flight on August 22,2004, was successful,

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.